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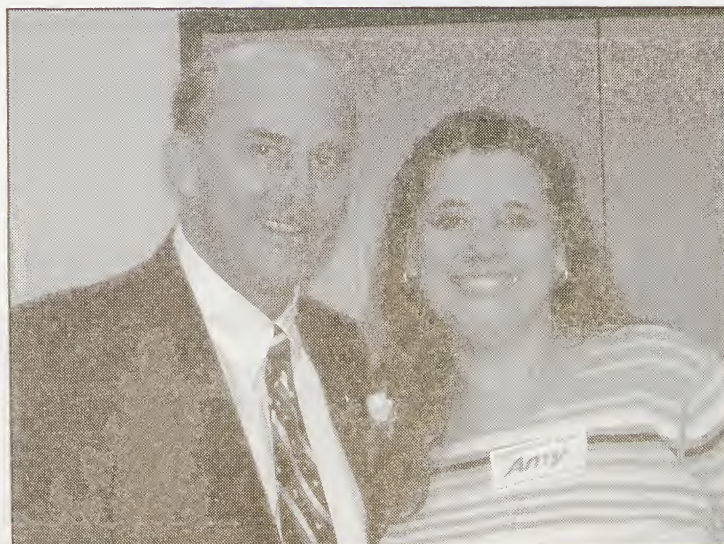
By Mary Hale  
Staff Writer

National TRiO Day was sponsored Feb. 24 by the East Texas TRiO Alliance and Kilgore College. According to the Council for Opportunity in Education, TRiO is an educational opportunity for low-income and disabled Americans. Since 1965 two million have graduated. More than 140 faculty, students and their families who attended competed in an art show, a talent show and numerous raffles. They donated 1,080 pounds of food to the East Texas Food Bank and raised more than \$910

for scholarships.

The East Texas TRiO Alliance members are: Kilgore College with Student Support Services/TRiO, Texas Association of Developing Colleges with East Texas Educational Opportunities Center, Texas College with Upward Bound, Tyler Junior College with Student Support Services/TRiO and Wiley College with Student Support Services/Math and Science Upward Bound.

Bindy Tice, TRiO fast track director at Kilgore College, welcomed everyone to the program. Paula Prince of KYKX Radio



Congressman Louie Gohmert and TRiO honoree Amy Fowler.

was the emcee for the talent show.

Brian Brown, An Le and Amy Fowler were honored alumni. Le, a student

Photo by Mary Hale  
at LeTourneau University, has three majors: business management, finance, and marketing. He also  
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## TJC names East Texan Danny Palmer Head Football Coach

By Chris Shepperd  
Editor

Danny Palmer was officially named the Apache Football Head Coach last Tuesday.

Palmer, an East Texas native, was called on in February to fill in as interim coach after former Head Coach Jamie Critchlowe was fired by the school.

"He did an unbelievable job steadyng the ship as we went through this transition period," TJC Athletic Director Tim Drain said.

"There is no place like home. If you put a good

product on the field, then the students will come and show their support," Palmer said.

Palmer also encouraged the students to hang in there and not lose faith in the program or the team.

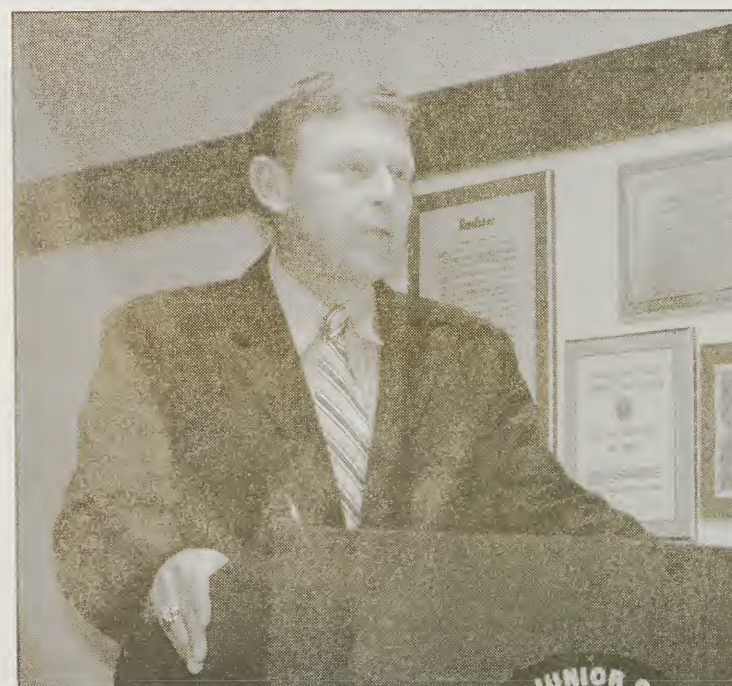
"I am very appreciative of this job and I am ready to get in the fast lane and score a lot of points next year and have the No. 1-rated defense," Palmer said. "It is not about X's and O's. It is about Jimmy's and Joe's."

"I am really looking forward to the new offense that coach is bringing in.

We will be throwing the ball a lot more," new starting Quarterback Stephen Schwark of Mesquite said. Schwark was recruited by Critchlowe but expects great things to come from this new relationship.

Palmer, who had an outstanding local recruiting class this year, opened spring training last weekend.

"This is the best school, with the best administration and the best facilities. I am happy to be here," Palmer said.



Head Football Coach Danny Palmer. Photo by Chris Shepperd



Campus Focus Reporter: Dustin Phillips

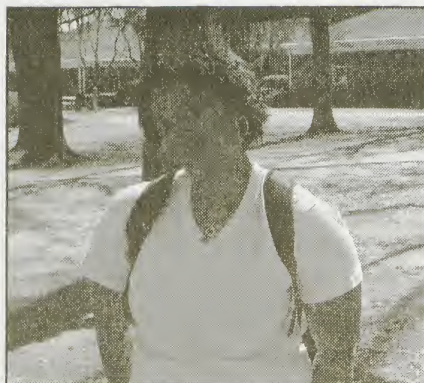
## Campus Focus

*What are your plans for spring break?*

*History major*

**Kevin Higgins**

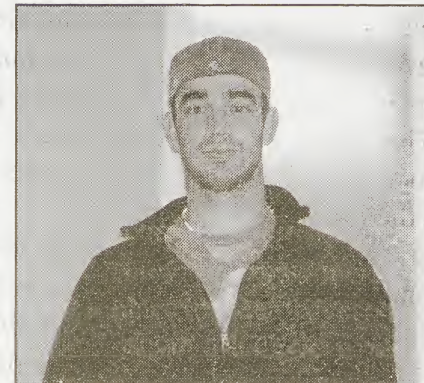
*"I will probably study, unfortunately."*



*Radiology major*

**Blake Embrey**

*"I am going back to work full-time and taking a short road trip with friends."*



*Sign language*

*interpretation major*

**Latasha Anderson**

*"I am going to Brazil!"*



*Business major*

**Lucas Cardosa**

*"I am going to Possum Kingdom to stay at my friend's lakehouse and go wakeboarding."*

## Life is like a game of solitaire: what card will you play?

By Royce Eller

Staff Writer

"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get inside." This phrase infamously synonymous with Forrest Gump's philosophy of life is not totally correct. Life is not like a box of chocolates, because chocolates are all sweet and we all know that life isn't. Life is rather like a game of solitaire, a gamble, full of choices.

From the moment we are born,

we are given a deck to play with. Some decks are already worn, others laced in gold and some decks have a few cards missing, but for most of us it is just a regular deck of playing cards. That seems fair, right? But under the facade of a blue or red checkered deck lies a fate, the fate of who you are to become, the fate of what your life will be.

In the beginning of our lives, we are flipping the cards over, essentially laying out the beginnings

of our life. From this arises the first choice we must make: How do we want to play? The first choice isn't "what do I play?" but "what are the rules?"

Just like in life, an individual has to make rules for how he or she must play, because the game of solitaire only offers guidelines. It's up to the person to follow the rules.

As you continue flipping over the cards questions arise, such as "Do I place the eight of spades on

the nine of hearts or should I play the eight of clubs on the nine of hearts, and flip over what is under and hope for better things?" The questions you ask yourself while playing are most definitely a parallel life, in the manner of "Do I get what I can now and settle, or hold out for better things?" That question intrigues us all with a choice the card player must make.

Looking at the college student's life, you must be seen as

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## Art instructor encourages students' creativity

By Clemestine Jackson  
Staff Writer

"Art appreciation is one of the cultural events being held on the TJC campus this spring," Art Instructor Barbara Holland said. "There will be a Silent Art Auction after Spring Break in the Art Department Hallway in April." The fourth annual Art Show for high school students will open April 16.

Holland's paper sculptures and exhibit painting, "Cat in a Bag," will be displayed in the Wise Auditorium Art Gallery from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. March 8. Regular Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Holland grew up in

England where she trained as an illustrator. After teaching art in the United Kingdom for 29 years, she moved to Longview. She began teaching at TJC full-time in 2000 after teaching here part-time for several years.

"As an artist, I explore relationships. Flora and fauna, dance and my love of history are my main motivators," Holland said. "Color is a major aspect of my work. I work across many media and into the 3D area with paper-sculpture, often mixing them together."

"I seek to create work, not only about the observation of the world, but also about the contemplation of

living in it," Holland said.

Her education includes an art teacher's diploma and bachelor of arts degree from Leicester College of Art and Leicester University in England and a master of arts degree from the University of North Texas in Denton.

Holland has an extensive career exhibiting her work in regional, national and international shows. Her work is displayed in many public and private collections, including the World Trade Center and she is listed in the 2006 edition of "Who's Who in America."

At TJC, Holland teaches courses in art appreciation, drawing, painting and

art for elementary school teachers. She said she finds the work both enjoyable and fulfilling.

The TJC Art Club works to inspire and enable club members to learn and present ideas that will elevate artistic expression and develop supportive relationships with our community, Holland said.

The Art Club is open to any TJC student interested in visual arts. No dues are required. They meet at 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the Jenkins Hall Art Department Lobby. For more information about the Art Department and art activities, contact Holland at 903-510-2233.

## A&M student disappears

Mark Davis, a Texas A&M senior and native of Whitehouse disappeared on Monday, Jan. 15.

His plans were to return to school the next day to begin his preparations for the spring semester, but he never made it back to A&M.

Davis grew up in East Texas. He attended Whitehouse High School and was involved at Green Acres Baptist Church throughout high school.

A website is set up to filter any information that comes in regarding Mark's whereabouts. If you have any information, please go to [www.findmarkdavis.com](http://www.findmarkdavis.com).

## Facebook site not always user friendly for students

By Devala Gorrick  
Staff Writer

In this multi-digital age, the new agenda on every college student's mind is impressing their peers. One medium in which students have found to do this is the ever so popular Facebook. More than 8.5 million college students a month use Facebook to connect with friends, post recent pictures and write personal blogs to tell their interesting stories. But how many knew that their profile is being watched?

Every year a number of students are disciplined for improper behavior found on Facebook, whether pic-

tures that were posted on their profiles or comments that were passed back and forth. Most students don't realize the different people who may view their profile. College administrators commonly browse through the site and call in any student that is shown doing illegal or unwanted activities. Campus security may be called and legal ramifications may follow. College scouts may browse through the pages of athlete prospects, and business owners may also review their current or future employees.

If shown at a party with a shot glass in hand

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### Mark Randall Davis:

**AGE:** 20 years Old **HEIGHT:** 5 Foot 8"

**DESCRIPTION:** Brown Hair & Brown Eyes.

Mark, a Texas AM senior majoring in Spanish, was supposed to return to College Station on the morning of Monday, Jan 15, 2007. Instead he disappeared that day early in the morning before daybreak.

#### Wearing:

Blue Jeans  
Dark Ski Jacket  
Tennis Shoes

#### Also Possibly Wearing:

Dark Hood or Ski Cap  
Maroon Poncho / Rain Stick

#### Bicycle:

Forest Silver-Green Color  
Mountain Style Frame & Tires  
Lettering on Frame:  
Expedition (and) Specialized

#### Starting Time & Location:

Around Sunrise on Mon 1/15/2007  
Between Tyler Roads: Paluxy Dr.  
S. Broadway, Cumberland Road  
and the new Loop 49 going south.





## Campus ministries offer chance for friendship, fellowship

By Christa Woody  
Staff Writer

With all of the fast-paced hustle of work and school, students often lose sight of their need for friendship and fellowship. The various campus ministries offer many opportunities to meet these needs, through free lunches, free coffee and many different bible studies they provide.

At the Wesley Methodist Foundation students can catch a free lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, a Refresh Worship Service at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays

and drink free coffee from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Students can study in an area with a computer and internet access or they can relax playing pool.

Wesley is the only campus ministry with a chapel. They had a retreat Feb. 23 and have planned a mission trip to Houston in May. Wesley Director Dan Conway invites all students to join them any day of the week. "There's a God who loves you, and invites you to be in a relationship with him through Jesus Christ," Conway said.

For more information call Conway at 903-592-3866 or email at tylerwesley@suddenlinkmail.com

At the Association of Baptist Students or ABS, students can catch a free lunch Mondays at noon and a Bible study at 7 p.m. Afterwards everyone gathers to watch "24."

ABS Director Keith Brown wants all students to know they are welcome. They have planned a mission trip in mid-May to Hidalgo, Mexico.

"ABS is a place for students to find encouragement

and get plugged in to God's word. We live to glorify God, we need encouragement and fellowship, and he didn't intend for us to do it alone," Brown said.

For more information contact Brown at 903-593-8563 or email at tylerabs@hotmail.com

At the BSM, students can join in leadership meetings at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, catch a free lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and enjoy a Vintage Bible Study Thursdays at 8 p.m.

In March they will have

a free laundry night and in May a mission trip to New Orleans.

Director and minister Mark Jones wants all students to know they will be welcomed with open arms, enjoy fellowship with friends and hear God's word.

BSM was formed to reach college students for Christ and to connect them to local churches, he said. "You are loved deeply and valued by God," Jones said. For more information email Mark Jones at tylerbsm@yahoo.com.

## PTK honor society invites students to join, provides scholarships

By Ashlie Osburn  
Staff Writer

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for students of junior and community colleges.

Honor societies can be important associations for students to join.

Extensive amounts of financial and educational resources can become

available to intellectually minded students who join those societies, and they usually become the catalyst for pursuing further college education.

The local PTK chapter, Alpha Omicron, in 2006 was named a Distinguished Chapter and recognized as one of the top 25 service chapters in the nation.

Students who want information about this society should visit the international website, [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org), or contact the student activities office on the second floor of Rogers Student Center.

Induction into PTK has few requirements. A student must have at least a 3.5 GPA after completing 12 credit hours.

Alpha Omicron President Nathan Chaney said, "Everyone who has a 3.5 GPA and 12 hours finished can expect to receive a let-

ter from PTK inviting them to become a member. We can expect the induction ceremony to be on April 8, in the Apache rooms."

To complete the induction process, students must fill out the application and submit the \$70 lifetime membership fee, either online or at the cashier's office.

Scholarships are another perk of being a PTK member. Scholarship opportunities for chapter members are available, Chaney said, "but you have to be really involved. Volunteering and a great GPA makes you have a better chance at getting one."

The Guistwhite, Coca Cola, Leader of Promise Scholar and Texas Region Star Scholar are all awards and programs available through PTK membership.

Further benefits of PTK membership are the recog-

nition and information that senior colleges send to society members.

Becoming a member can be substantial help when transferring to universities as well.

Chaney said, "At least half of the senior colleges have transfer scholarships for PTK members."

Another reward of membership comes when TJC graduates wear the special honor stole and tassel at their graduation ceremony.

PTK meets weekly at 5 p.m. Thursdays in the second floor conference room of Rogers Student Center.

Chaney said, "Meetings are important. Almost all the officers are graduating or transferring, so we are looking for freshman leaders to become officers. We are willing to invest in the future of the chapter."

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## International student athletes abound on campus

By James Warren  
Staff Writer

TJC has approximately 30 student athletes from other countries. Among them are: Ines Pantoli, Ceron Rolle, Manuela Santos and Jamie Vanderbeken. These international athletes have temporarily left their homes, family and friends in order to play for the Apaches.

Ceron Rolle, a freshman from Nassau in the Bahamas, plays men's tennis. He started playing at the age of seven, when his father introduced him to the sport.

One would think that living in another country would be difficult, but this is not the case for Rolle. He said, "I'm used to traveling to other countries."

Rolle said he came to

TJC because he "heard they have a great tennis team, good academics, and that athletes transfer easily to bigger schools."

After TJC, Rolle said, "I plan on transferring to a division one school to play tennis and hopefully make it to the pros."

Manuela Santos, a sophomore from Itajai, Brazil, plays women's tennis. She began playing at the age of three, and started playing in tournaments when she was eight.

For Santos, living far from home is hard. She said, "Sometimes I just want to go home, but I know that this is what I want." When she misses her family, she talks to them on the Internet.

Santos came to TJC because she was ineligi-

ble at her first choice. She was told that TJC was one of the best schools in the nation, and she followed the advice. Santos said, "I don't regret coming here at all. It has been a great experience."

When she is finished at TJC, she plans to play tennis at the University of Northern Colorado and finish her degree in health and kinesiology. After college she wants to be a tennis coach.

Jamie Vanderbeken, a freshman from Belleville, Ontario Canada, plays men's basketball. He started his career in elementary school at the age of seven.

Vanderbeken said, "Living so far from home is harder than I thought it would be." He copes by staying in touch with his

family by telephone, e-mail and letters. Concerning the letters, he said, "I guess I'm just old fashioned."

Vanderbeken came to TJC because he originally committed to the University of Iowa, but was ineligible. The Iowa coaches suggested that he go to TJC because two of their players, Justin Johnson and Kurt Looby, are former Apaches.

When his career is over at TJC, Vanderbeken said, "I still plan on going to

Iowa and playing for the Hawkeyes."

Ines Pantoli was not available to comment.

Questions,  
Comments,  
Concerns?

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## 'Beauty and the Beast' enchants

By Chris Shepperd  
Editor

TJC Theater just closed the curtain on their rendition of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

The production was well-performed and quite simply, it was brilliant.

The mood was set from the very beginning as the orchestra played the familiar opening overture to start the show.

With well-known songs such as the title song "Beauty and the Beast" sung by

Mrs. Potts, played by Holly Bell, "If I can't love her" sung by the Beast, played by Braden Bradley and "Be our Guest" performed by the entire cast, the evening was full of excitement and fond childhood memories.

Stage direction was done by Theater Instructor Rebecca Faulds, with music direction by Music Department Chair Dr. Cheryl Rogers and choreography by Jennifer Bailey, TJC Academy of Dance director.

With a cast of 52 that included everyone from Kindergartner Zach Smith, who excellently portrayed Chip, to Sophomore Theater Major Megan Moore, who stole the show as Belle, this large production enchanted the audience from the first glimpse of the townspeople all the way to the very end.

"I didn't know what to expect, but this was excellent," attendee Rachel Bitter said.

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## 5-on-5 Intramural Basketball playoffs stealing attention

By Dalfie Fraction  
Staff Writer

The intramural basketball playoff tournament is underway in Gentry Gym as teams fight to be crowned TJC champion.

The gold and black divi-

sion teams are now locked in a four-round tournament based on regular season wins.

"The tournament will end in March," Recreation Services Coordinator Jonathan Pollard said.

The Black and Gold divisions will be seeded according to their regular season wins. Black Division rankings are: No.1 TKO, No.2 ABN, No.3 New Money, No.4 L-Town Possey and No.5 Big Bod-

ies. Gold division rankings are: No.1 MOB, No.2 Balin, No.3 The Underdogs, No.4 The Kings and No.5 Whitie Tighties.

Round 1 tournament play began Feb. 26 with 10 teams.

In the Black Division New Money, ABN and TKO all drew first-round byes leaving L-Town Possey and Big Bodies to battle out the Round 2 slot with a last second win for L-Town

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## Latest TJC football recruiting class shows big potential

By Joe Don Storey  
Staff Writer

The TJC football program signed 52 student athletes on Feb. 7, the first day student-athletes could sign national letters of intent. Most were from the East Texas and Houston areas. This comes as no surprise, because new Head Football Coach Danny Palmer recruited both areas for years while he was coaching at the University of Houston.

Coach Palmer said, "Tyler Junior College really recruits itself. When recruits get on campus they feel at home. I'm impressed with the quality of the secondary, wide receivers and offensive line that are returning."

"Last year's team was a good fourth quarter team, which shows there is leadership and character," he said.

Recruits are: Quarterback Aaron Bargas, Wide Receivers Justin Bell and Erik Martin and Running Back Devin Brown all from Chavez.

Others are: Defensive Back Jackie Coleman from Malakoff, Athlete DeMarcus Cummings and Isiah Yandell, both from Euless Trinity, Running Backs Chris Davis and Jarel Hasley and Athlete Nick Harrison from Troup.

Other recruits are: Defensive Lineman Jeremy Gullins from South Garland, Halfback Torian Rog-

ers from Kilgore, Tight End Dijon Tillman from Deer Park, Athlete Lance Shepard and Running Back Ira Duckworth from Sterling.

Others are: Defensive Lineman Kenneth Charles from Fort Bend, Offensive Lineman John Flanagan from Robert E. Lee, Wide Receiver Alonzo Adams from Westside, Defensive Lineman Marcus James from Houston Lamar and Athlete Caleb Amis from Cleburne.

Other recruits are: Athlete Lawrence Minor and Linebacker Tommy Gates from Westbury, Defensive Linemen Ed Iglehart and Josh Williams, Wide Receiver Jacory McGhee, all

from Westfield.

Others are: Offensive Lineman Gordon Booker, Line Backer Antijuan Guinn, Athlete Demarcus Miles and Defensive Back Chris Lacey all from Longview.

Other recruits are: Quarterback Michael Cook from Eustace, Wide Receiver Jimmy Kennedy from Whitehouse, Offensive Lineman Oran Lewis from Brownsboro and Athlete Isiah Pettigrew from John Tyler and Julian Willis from Alto.

Others are: twin Athletes Brandon and Bryan McCleveland from Big Sandy, Linebacker Frederick Suell and Defensive Back Mike Hunter from

Chapel Hill, Defensive Lineman Randall Murphy, Defensive Back Joe Jackson from Lufkin, and Athletes Adriash Jackson, Courtney Johnson, Donald Moore and Corey Taylor, all from Madison.

Others are: Defensive Back Jacolby Reed from Jersey Village, Athlete Ervin Jefferson from Houston Furr and Offensive Lineman Atarhe Clark from Sharpstown.

Mid-year players are: Defensive Back Calvin Reubles from Richardson Berkner, Tight End Jatrell Rollins from Kashmere, Offensive Lineman Ryan Taylor from Denison and Defensive End Victor Drayton from Lake Dallas.

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Score Board

### Men's Basketball

Lee d. TJC  
Feb. 17 90-74

Jacksonville d. TJC  
Feb. 21 80-77 (OT)

TJC d. Panola  
Feb. 24 87-83

TJC d. Navarro  
Feb. 28 73-72

### Women's Basketball

TJC d. Jacksonville  
Feb. 21 90-74

TJC d. Panola  
Feb. 24 100-88

### Men's Tennis

TJC d. Grambling 8-1

TJC d. Barton County 9-0

TJC d. Seward County 9-0

TJC d. Collin County 9-0

TJC d. Cameron 5-1

TJC d. Harding 9-0

Ouachita d. TJC 6-3

### Women's Tennis

TJC d. Grambling 9-0

TJC d. N. C. Texas 7-1

TJC d. Seward 5-0

TJC d. Collin County 8-1

TJC d. Barton County 6-0

Lee d. TJC 1-8



## TRiO program

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has three minors: math, economics and accounting. Enrolled in 24 hours, he plans to graduate in 2008 and move to Harvard Business School. Reflecting back to the days when he first came to Longview from Vietnam and could not speak English, Le expressed gratitude for what TRiO has done for him.

"TRiO has done a lot for me, and it is my responsibility to do the best in my education," Le said.

Former TJC student Amy Fowler gave students

hope and impressed Congressman Louie Gohmert because she went from being a single parent on welfare and a struggling student to completing her master's degree at The University of Texas at Tyler in 17 months. Now Fowler is the Academic/Retention Specialist for TRiO Program Student Support Services and Adjunct Speech Instructor at TJC.

Gohmert was the guest speaker. "I was very impressed with the students who have used their gifts given from God to succeed," Gohmert said. He

talked about the importance of God and how he knows God is pleased with what is happening in the TRiO program. Gohmert smiled and remembered a quote by C.S. Lewis: "Anyone who says a good God would not let me hurt has not been to the dentist."

"Sometimes we have to endure a little pain before we can get better," Gohmert said.

Many students competed in the art and talent show. The top three art show participants were: first place Chagoiss Moore of Texas College with "Pencidac-

tyl", second place Miguel Berlanga of Kilgore College with "Tokyo Techno 2" and third place Educational Counselor Holly Treadway of the Texas Association of Developing Colleges with "Vilker Garden." She donated her \$25 cash prize back to the TRiO scholarship fund. Talent show winners were: first place dancer Albert Jones of Kilgore College, second place praise dancer Chaney Jones, a high school senior and third place yodeler Heidi Riggs of TJC.

Keimyette Spencer and Shon Jerkins, upward

bound students from Texas College, said they really enjoyed the program. "The people were kind and generous, the food was wonderful and all of the contestants displayed a sense of enthusiasm and artistic ability," Spencer said.

"The program was fantastic and the food was great. It was nice to see the students that praised God through dance and song," Jerkins said. Both students said they could not express enough how thankful they are to the Upward Bound program and they look forward to next year.

## TJC Alumnus Rachel Brown's single hits No. 5 on charts

By Michelle Stein  
Staff Writer

TJC Alumnus Rachel Brown is an R&B artist whose recent single "Let's Fall in Love Again," debuted at #15 on the Billboard's Hot Singles Sales Chart. The song is described as a mid-tempo urban groove. In a March 1 poll, her single climbed 10 spots to No. 5. The hit song is the first single from her debut CD "Love, Life & Relationships," which will be available in stores this summer.

Her publicist Samantha Russ described her music as, "An up-beat tempo with a tremendous vocal range. She has a mix of soul's classic sound which is very inspirational."

Her musical influences include Kenny "Babyface" Edmund and Brian McK-

night.

Brown was born in Lufkin and graduated from Lufkin High School. She received her associates degree in behavioral science from TJC in 1996. Brown began singing at her church at a very young age and by the time she was six, she was singing and learning the piano.

After moving to Florida, she began performing at high end country clubs and events. She was discovered by networking with colleagues and constituents she met along the way. "I've definitely come from the road less traveled and have definitely invested a lot of time and energy over the years carefully nurturing all elements of my craft. I'm a creative person by nature and really enjoy writing, singing

and performing. I've been looking forward to this day for so long and can't wait to share my musical vision with the world," Brown said in a press release.

Brown's hit single was the graduate master's thesis of Israel Charles who attended Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. "Rachel is a breath of fresh air and a producer's dream. We didn't have to overproduce and package her sound because she has so much natural talent," Charles said. Brown also had influence on 4 of the 13 singles she co-wrote. The single "Let's Fall in Love Again" debuted Feb. 8. Brown is the first artist to be signed with this label.

Brown is on her SYE music store promotional tour. While no specific events have been set, a

welcome home tour in April will include Tyler and Lufkin. To hear the latest

singles or view upcoming events go to [www.myspace.com/rachelbrownlive](http://www.myspace.com/rachelbrownlive).



TJC Alumnus Rachel Brown.

Courtesy Photo



## Facebook

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or participating in any illegal activities, the student's image may be damaged severely and legal ramifications may follow. Katherine DeWitt, the TJC area coordinator for residential life, said, "Everyone needs to be aware that postings on Facebook and the World

Wide Web are open to the public, and therefore are open to interpretation and public scrutiny."

Some students think this is an invasion of privacy, but a TJC student had this interesting insight into the dilemma. "Partying and acting a fool is one thing, but posting pictures of yourself opens up a

window for trouble," Ryan King said.

Others are appalled at the idea that their reputation is being judged by a simple website profile. Although students shouldn't portray themselves as fools on the internet, college is an open environment to learn schooling and meet new people and not just a community of the rulers and their residents.

The topic seems to draw heavy debate. Students argue about the privacy issue, college officials have to deal with the legal issues of dorm life and campus

security has to deal with stopping criminal activity among residents.

"I believe that students should be able to have certain areas on the internet and in their personal life that should be given adequate distance from public analysis," Addie Collins, who lives in Claridge Hall, said.

Now that Facebook has made recent changes to its site to spice it up, it has caused more uproar among users. Among the changes were the constant news feed that was shown to anyone who had a pro-

file on the site, news feed that included almost every move a person makes within his own site. The news feed option was later fixed to add a little more privacy, but it still isn't enough. The website formerly devoted to college students was then opened to the public to high school students and then to anyone who wanted it.

So with not much privacy offered by the website itself, and with known problems among the site, it is safe to say that students must be warned of its potential danger.

## Intramural basketball

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Possey.

In the gold division MOB, Ballin and The Underdogs drew first-round byes leaving The Kings and Whitie Tights to determine who would play in round 2. The Kings, too much for the Whitie Tights, advanced to the next round.

Round two tournament play will continue through the end of February. New Money, ABN, TKO, L-Town Possey, The Kings, MOB, Ballin and the Underdogs will compete for a Final Four position. Those two teams will play in the championship game.

## TJC creates V.O.W. Gospel Choir

By Robin McDavid  
Staff Writer

TJC has found another way to reach out to students, with music. TJC now has a gospel choir called V.O.W., Voices of Worship, which Director Corey Henderson organized.

A woman at Henderson's church in Ennis told him that she felt like God had work for him to do at TJC. Once Henderson came here, God and this woman's comment became his motivation to do some-

thing great.

Henderson discovered TJC had no gospel choir to join. He then talked to friends Kourtney Horton and Shannida Williams, who decided to create a Gospel Choir which they call Voices of Worship.

V.O.W. has performed at Campus Capers and for five churches in the Tyler area. They have also performed in Dallas, Garland and Cuneo.

Before each rehearsal, Henderson gives a Bible

study lesson that fits each song that is presented.

Voices of Worship sometimes becomes a safe haven for students to get away from it all. "I want this choir to be a place to show love for everyone and put people at a peace of mind," Henderson said.

Even those who have no singing experience are invited to join V.O.W. Rehearsal dates are 7:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Wesley Foundation on Baxter Street.

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## Solitaire can be a tricky game

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just the beginnings of this proverbial game in which you realize that ultimately YOU make the decisions.

Although you may not know what lies under the next card, it is your choice

what to do with it. You must understand it is you who has to live with the decision.

So, as you make your way to class every morning, just take a good look at what you do with the cards

that life has flipped over.

Play it the best you can and remember that it's going to be you at the end of the game. So do you want to lose or win?